Medical emergencies at airports

137. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the spate of deaths of air passengers at the Mumbai and other airports has prompted his Ministry to draft a comprehensive action plan to tackle public health emergencies in air or at the airport and set up state-of-the-art emergency medical-services at major airports;

(b) whether his Ministry has drafted a multi-pronged strategy for the purpose; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) Medical inspection units are working round the clock at Chennai, Kolkata and Trivandrum airports with first aid facilities. Similar medical inspection units are also available at Delhi and Mumbai airports which provide first and facilities in case of medical emergency. Provision of ambulance is also available in case of serious medical emergencies. At other major airports, Medical Inspection rooms with first-aid facilities are available where medical emergencies are attended to by the State Government/Private Hospital doctors and paramedical staff.

FDI in civil aviation sector

138. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering allowing foreign direct investment up to 74 per cent in cargo operation, non-scheduled airlines, helicopter and seaplane operations;

(b) if so, whether Government are keen to attract FDI and are looking to open the market although and have an overall FDI cap of 49 percent in the aviation sector; and

(c) if so, by when a final decision for allowing 74 per cent FDI in some sectors of civil aviation will be taken?